

## STORY BY JOHNY

n. y., aug. 21.—aint it a funny thing how a man can start reading the newspapers when he is 6 years old

and read them evry day till he is growed up, and probly read all-together about 1000 storys about how bunko games is worked

and then take a trip to a big citty some day and fall for one of them very games that he knows by heart out of the newspaper

blame if i can figger it out

here is a nice yung feller by the name of benjamin barnwell comes up from south caroliny to visit some yanky relations in mass., and he stops over in n. y. just to see if the bildins is really as tall as they got them on the picture postel cards

while he is gawpin up at a 63d storey window, another yung chap comes up and ses to him

grate old town, aint it, ime a stranjer here myself, and i wisht i had somebody to go around with

benjamin forgets evrything he ever read in the charleston bugle about n. y. con men, and him and this guy sets out for a stroll on broadway, piping off the corus gerls and gorge m. cohen and one thing and another

pritty soon an old geezer with a plume on his chin and a green paper suitcase come up to benjamin's friend and says, hello, elmer and elmer says, hello, si, darn if i expected to see you in town

so then elmer introduces benjamin to si, witch is a friend of his from his home burg, and they go into a salune

MISS ISS A FINE IDEA OF MINE, ADOLF TO DRESS YOU UP UND ENTER YOU IN DER BABY PARADE. YOU OUGHT TO VIN A PRIZE FOR VEIGHT, EF NOT FOR BRIGHTNESS.



after they have had 3 drinks si gets reall sporty and wants to match pennys

well you know how it is with-out me telling you, bimeby they are matching dollars and elmer and si get all the money this south saroliny boob has got, and they duck out

and he goes running to the police station with a holler about the awful way he got done up by 2 slick n. y. crooks

gee whiz, sometimes i think p. t. barnum was rite and abe lincoln was rong

johny

The largest elephant tusks known weigh 198 pounds and 174 pounds. They were both taken from the same elephant.